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MEMORANDUM

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PESTICIDES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

SUBJECT: Notification to Special Pesticide Review Division of Oncogenic Effects Observed in a Study Conducted with the Synthetic Pyrethrin Resmethrin.

TOX Chem. No. 83E

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A two-year rat oncogenesis study with the synthetic pyrethrin resmethrin was reviewed recently and a positive result for oncogenic effects was noted (see review by J. Doherty, March 19, 1981, EPA Reg. No. 432-487 attached).

Toxicology Branch (HED) will conduct a risk assessment for the currently registered and proposed uses of resmethrin and when the final report is ready a copy will be sent to Special Pesticide Review Division.